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BERNALILLO county, like the rest of the New Mexico legislative districts, will soon be called upon to choose its candidates for the lower house of the legislature. The majority of us who live in Albuquerque and who pay any attention at all to public affairs have criticized the membership and the acts of New Mexico legislatures for years past, particularly with regard to the lower house. There has been ground for this criticism: plenty of it. But it is worth while to stop to consider for a little just how much of the fault for the low grade of ability which has characterized the membership of the lower house of the legislature is our own: the fault of the rank and file of the men who have the power to choose candidates if they care to exercise it.

Bernalillo county has had some men of exceptional ability in the lower house of the legislature during the past ten years. It has had more men of no ability at all. The men of ability who have gone to Santa Fe have been hampered by conditions which they could not overcome. The men without ability, generally horse-chosen creatures, simply have been voting pawns in the legislative game. Generally speaking we have left the choice of candidates to a bunch, or a little group of bosses. We have said, "What's the use?" before the primaries, and "Oh, very well," after the nominations have been handed out. As a result, aside from a few men who political accident or combination, or both, have literally dumped into the legislature, this county has been sadly lacking in representation at Santa Fe of any kind, good or bad.

This county, normally, still is Republican, and with a united Republican party can be counted on to send Republicans to the legislature. In years past this preponderance of Republican voters has caused the Democratic party to be more or less careless in making its legislative nominations, although its nominees generally have been stronger men than those who the majority party has sent to Santa Fe.

The Republican party has been rent asunder in this county for several years. The temporary peace patched up a few months ago rests on a foundation that now wobbles badly. The strong prospect is that between now and the time for county conventions that foundation will have been kicked from under and the split in the Republican party made wider than ever. In this event Bernalillo County very easily may send Democrats to the lower house. It behoves the party therefore to be very careful in choosing its legislative candidates; not alone for party strength, but for the effectiveness of these men should they be elected.

everyday efficiency. We say to our Republican friends of the rank and file, wholly without thought of political advantage one way or the other, for the sake of Albuquerque and the county and your own personal interests, see to it that your candidates for the legislature are strong men; men who are equipped to take an active, intelligent, aggressive part in legislative business; who are prepared not only to deal with the problems of statewide significance which are to be encountered next winter in Santa Fe, but men who can be depended upon to look out for your interests at home; your community interests which have been so sadly neglected in years past, either through sheer inability to look after them, or because of political strings, pressure and kicks. Get real men into the legislative tickets; men you know can deliver the goods; honest, intelligent, effective work at Santa Fe.

We may kick at legislatures until we grow gray and decrepit. But this country is not a whit different from other counties. We will not get the right kind of men until we, the rank and file, begin to take an active, aggressive part in selecting them. Keep this fact before you from this time on until the county conventions are held and insist upon naming as legislative candidates men who at least are fit to be trusted with the transaction of your personal business. It is a plain business matter which affects the everyday income of every man of us who lives in this community.

MOTION PICTURES AND "SAFETY FIRST."

HARDLY a day passes that does not bring some new use for the motion picture. One of the more recent educational fields it has entered is in encouraging railroad efficiency and inculcating in railway employees the "safety first" principle. Extensive experiments are being made in this use of the motion picture by the Pacific Electric railway of California, the line over which many New Mexico people ride from Los Angeles to the various beaches in summer.

The Pacific Electric is not in all respects like a standard railroad, but it has nearly a thousand miles of line, over half of which is credited in the official guide's mileage list; and it has 272 miles of double track. Motion pictures have been used for about six months, and the company has a first-class outfit with which to do the necessary photographing. The lecturer begins with a stereopticon reproduction of a certain rule from the rule book—it is one important point to know that an employee has actually read a rule—and then he shows an "accident" or a "near-accident" caused by failure to obey that rule. This in turn is followed by a portrayal of just what the person at fault ought to have done under the given circumstances. Some of the films were prepared with the aid of professional actors, and the pictures are dramatic as well as instructive. Trainmen who have found themselves unable to properly impress important rules on dull minds can perhaps find a hint in this employment of experts in the art of making a hit. Accidents are not the whole of the show by any means; all kinds of signals are displayed and operated, and also train movements and switching. The instruction classes take less time than formerly, while more men are instructed at once, and there is never any lack of interest. If the question of cost is satisfactorily answered there would seem to be no risk in predicting that this scheme is wide popularity.

REFUSING TO FUSE.

NEW MEXICO is not the only one of the Rocky mountain states in which the efforts of the standard Republicans to take the Progressive party into camp are meeting with dismal failure. The Pueblo Star-Journal says:

"The attempt upon the part of a few of the would-be leaders of the Progressive party in Colorado, headed by certain personal candidates for office, to deliver the Progressive state central committee and the controlling offices of that organization over to the Republican party has failed. The attempt was made in Denver yesterday at the meeting of the state central committee of the Progressive party, and the Costigan-Roosevelt faction triumphed, which means that there will be no alliance with the Republican party this fall. Evidently the Progressives feel that, having received the second largest vote for their candidate for governor at the state election, they should not be expected to surrender their prestige and standing in the state, when the party which is now attempting to swallow them up was third in the race—at least its candidates were."

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SOLOS
by the
Second Fiddle.

VACATION days are sunny. Game is hard to hunt.
Live on Milk and Honey
Tell with the receipt.

Home again! Oh, funny!
Sure is some feal!
To done our ready money
Enough on which to eat.

WELL, we're back.
—O—

ISLETA is certainly some town.
—O—

IT'S Vie Huerta's turn to go next.
—O—

OUR old friend Dunn Cottonwood
Worm has also returned home.
—O—

WE NOTE that our former business associate inquisitive Label law has been visiting in our midst during our absence.

SEVERAL times we've missed him by a mere chance.

EFFORTS of the well known steer expert G. T. Party to tie the Bill outside seem to have been unavailing.

BULLETIN—Result of election in Mexico still in doubt.
—O—

T. ROOSEVELT stands at Armageddon with his tinner in his mouth.
—O—

THE FIGURES in the crop report look like a hypothetical question in mathematical astronomy.
—O—

OR LIKE John D. Rockefeller's last will and testament.
—O—

OR THE national debts of Europe.
—O—

IF TEDDY runs for governor of New York to bust the Bull Moose in the action. If he doesn't run to bust the Bull Moose in New York.
—O—

WHICH CONFIRMS the growing belief that there's a Bull Moose to bust somewhere in this country soon.
—O—

PROSPERITY PROBLEM NO. 1—If 5,000,000 germs can live on a dollar bill how many bugs will this year's rye crop keep on a bun?
—O—

CARRANZA is leading John Bony and Broncho Billy a close run on film consumption.
—O—

IN RECITING the attractions for July 4 at Hope, N. M., we note with regret that the editor overlooked mentioning 8,298 bottles of beer.
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WE DO NOT SEE how the editor could have overlooked this item.
—O—

BUT IT EXPLAINS why he picked Hope out of 121 towns as the place to celebrate.
—O—

THAT MUCH BEER would put most any town in the eternal springtime class.
—O—

HILL BARNES and Charley Murphy and B. Penrose and some other members of the stick-up mob are waiting in an alley on the road to Albany, right around the corner from Armageddon.
—O—

TUCUMCARI claims to have more bath tubs than any other town of its size in the state.
—O—

IT MAY BE added that Tucumcari, according to the census, is the only town of its size in the state.
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THE PROFESSOR'S astounding discovery that 90 per cent of illegitimate children are normal lends strength to the theory that provision was made in nature for perpetuating the human race.
—O—

EUGENICS to the contrary.
—O—

"PROSPERITY" is looking us squarely in the face. How many of us appreciate the fact?—Tucson News. You can search me, old top. I don't. I'm just back from a tour of the beaches along the Rio Grande.
—O—

AFTER ALL, if Kansas produced harvest hands on the same scale as she produces wheat we'd have to enlarge the melting pot.
—O—

The weather man in our belief, is no predictor.
In guessing rain, in our relief,
He's just a watery waiter.
—O—

The Only Road to Relief

(Chayton News.)

New Mexico's legislature must be reformed. The state must have some wise and sufficient legislation and past experience has taught the people that it cannot be secured through the Republican party, which has behind it a record of twenty years of failure. Attorney General Clancy, a Republican, said in the very time that our farcical legislature was in session that "The greatest need in New Mexico is a legislature." The real meaning of the attorney general was that the state needed a legislature composed of honest and efficient citizens who would devote their energies and abilities to the service of the people, instead of prostituting their high offices to the greed of political schemes and the service of their masters—the bosses—as has been the practice of Republican legislatures in New Mexico for twenty years. The Democratic party recognizes the condition and has entered the present campaign with the avowed purpose of nominating only the very best men in its ranks as candidates for the legislature. They will be elected, must be elected, if we are to receive any relief from the partition, antiquated and wholly inadequate laws now upon the statutes.

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This is a business matter; a matter of dollars and cents, and of

Chiefly Political

(By New Mexico Editors.)

method just the same.—Socorro Chieftain.

Guzzles.

B. S. Rodey, Elfrido Barca and Bill Andrews are in the fight for the Republican nomination for congress, and it seems probable that one of the three will oppose H. R. Ferguson, Democrat, the present incumbent. Political "wise guys" are betting on Andrews. The coms on paper according to Rodey, won't have much to say about the nomination, if primaries are not held.—Deming Graphic.

A Private Funeral.

The strange hold of the coal and lumber houses on the G. O. P. tightens. But it's nobody's funeral but the Republicans'.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

A Fair Position on the Fence.

A newspaper is taken by the people regardless of religion, politics or opinions. Every man has a right to his individual personal opinion and an editor must respect that opinion, however much he may differ personally therefrom. In the coming election on the question of prohibition the columns of this paper are open to both sides at the usual advertising rates, as whatever the personal preferences of the owner and editor of this paper are, they are the private personal opinions of us as individuals and will not be expressed by this newspaper. We will give both sides all the space wanted at reasonable rates, as we are in the newspaper business to pay our just living debts, and will positively decline to commit ourselves editorially to either side in the coming election.—Fort Sumner Leader.

Progressive Possibilities.

The Progressives are turning their eyes towards Colfax county for congressional timber and two of our prominent citizens are being considered for the nomination for representative to congress. Jerry Leahy and Elmer Studley, both of Raton, are frequently mentioned for the Progressive nomination. They are true Progressives and the party could make no better choice than either one of them.—Raton Reporter.

A Swell Scheme.

Why not try the experiment of sending to the legislature this fall just ordinary plain citizens and not the usual professional politicians, as has so long been fashionable. Experiment cannot harm us when the results at least the last two legislative sessions are used in comparison. What poor work any man could accomplish would top notch by all recent records. Let New Mexico try it out and resolve to send honest, efficient men, with legislative experience to be acquired, and we will profit largely by the experiment.—Rio Grande Republican.

A Plan for the Poor Candidate.

Why not tell something at least faintly resembling the truth about candidates for political office? If our candidate has never been able to make a living anywhere except at this political pie-counter, but serenely and persistently holds up for nomination at every party convention, why represent him as a paragon of all the civic and political virtues who has patricially headed the call of his fellow citizens and consented to serve his country at great personal sacrifice? If the opposing candidate is really a veritably decent sort of a fellow who has never been convicted of stealing eggs or beating his wife or committing any other high crime or misdemeanor, why represent him as a scoundrel of deepest dye even blacker than he ever has been or ever can be painted? This has been one of the chief political methods since the beginning and maybe it will continue to be so world without end, but it is a shabby and ne-

From the Santa Fe New Mexican.) It is a highly interesting story that comes from the northern counties to the effect that the northern houses of the Republican party—their names are household words all over the state—were framing up a scheme to double-cross Mr. Andrews, place him quietly in the discard and, at the Republican nominating convention for a San Miguel county old guard henchman by means of the unstructured delegations from the northern counties.

There is nothing new or surprising about such a proposition, however. It serves only to further emphasize the parlous state of the old Republican machine in New Mexico and the impossibility of its getting a smell when the congressional election occurs.

The Republicans are confronted by a pleasing array of alternatives. Rodey has no chance. They are offered the Bernallillo county contingent: "Bull" Andrews, offered by the Morning Journal and Frank Hubbell and his crowd, or, if you are pleased to accept the previously advanced claims by Senator Catron, Spiers, Bureum, Springer, et al.; or they may accept a four-headed of the million-acre land barons, the coal princes, or political manipulators of northern New Mexico, whose pleasure avalanche of shining gold into the barrel of the tax gatherer.

It is a magnificent choice which is given the Republican voter this year in New Mexico.

Great Trials of History**TRIAL OF DR. CRIPPEN.**

NEVER had the cables hummed over the Atlantic with such rapidity, seldom had such a chase over the seas been recorded, as when in July, 1910, Dr. Crippen, together with his French stenographer, Miss Ethel Le Neve, who was dressed in boy's clothing and who had fled from England, away from the land which was the mute witness of the atrocious crime, were discovered in mid-Atlantic on the Montrouge, bound for Montreal.

It was the 23d of February that Belle Elmore, the actress wife of a former Philadelphia dentist, vanished from sight following a quarrel with her husband, and it was not until July, 1910, that the sheets from Scotland Yard dreamed that murderer had been committed, for Crippen had allowed the rumor to circulate that Belle had gone to America. On July 9 the doctor was questioned, and the following day practically convicted himself of the crime by fleeing from London, accompanied by Miss Le Neve. For the following five months this great drama of two continents occupied the stage of the world.

On July 21 the captain of the Montrouge sent the graphic message by wireless that started Scotland Yard buzzing like a hive of bees, to the effect that Dr. Crippen and Miss Le Neve, the latter disguised as a boy, were on board. Then followed the sensational chase. Inspector Dew boarded the Laurentic, bound for the same port as the fugitive pair, and in the race against time landed before the lawbreakers.

They were quickly arrested, brought back to Liverpool and from there taken to London. At both places Crippen was mobbed by the crowd, who had been shocked at the gravity of the alleged murder.

On September 14, the first stage of the trial was held. Prof. Augustus J. Pepper testified that the remains he had examined were undoubtedly those of a human body, also that they were dismembered by a hand skilled in surgery and anatomy. The remains, he said, had been buried in quicklime from four to eight months and therefore no trace of the sex could be found. After much heated argument between the professor and two doctors for the defense the case was adjourned until the following Friday.

On that day, the 17th, Dr. William Henry Wilcox, scientific analyst to the home office, said that the greenish remains found in the floor of the cellar in Dr. Crippen's Hilltop Crescent house contained from two-sevenths to half a grain of some deadly poison. Solicitor Arthur Newton, for the defense, cross-examined, but elicited nothing to throw fresh light upon the mystery. Inspector Dew was put on the stand, but he also could throw no more light on the tragedy. The crown then tried to show that the remains were those of the American actress, but although the scientists were ready to swear that the remains were human, none were able to swear positively regarding the sex of the victim.

Miss Le Neve was charged with being an accessory after the fact. Although Crippen was dead, Miss Le Neve was so nervous that her answers were almost inaudible and her quivering quivered nearly all the time. It was proved that the night after the murder Miss Le Neve had slept at the house in Hilltop Crescent. Also, although she denied any knowledge of the murder, she had gone with Crippen at a minute's notice and at his suggestion cut off her hair, to disguise herself as a boy. The verdict returned was "guilty" for Crippen.

Putting on his black cap, the judge then solemnly declared Crippen guilty under circumstantial evidence, and to be hanged by the neck until dead. Miss Le Neve, who was sentenced later, was pronounced not guilty. In consequence of the British law a guilty person cannot be hanged until thirty days after the sentence. Crippen's hanging was fixed for November 15, but owing to rumors that gained circulation pertaining to the fact that some evidence had been found about Belle Elmore being in Canada, he was not executed until November 23. At 8 o'clock in the morning he was taken into the yard at Pentonville prison. He was accompanied only by his spiritual companion, Father Carey. Very few were present, only the court officials and those necessary. Miss Le Neve, who had been acquitted, sailed the same day from Southampton for New York on the Majestic.

These Republican leaders are not foolish, and they will build a platform which they will claim carries issues, but their "issues" are to catch votes with. The important thing for the voters to remember is the evident fact that the Republican organization of the state is under the control of the same men responsible for those political abuses leading to the defeat of the Republican party of the state at the first state election, and that until there is a real reorganization at Republican headquarters there will be no reform in the methods of the party in the state.

It is evident to every man that the efforts of the state Republican organization are for the election of a two-thirds majority of the lower house of the legislature, and that majority is to be used to saddle upon the counties of the state,